

R7-2-302.05 and
R7-2-302.06

AIMS AUGMENTATION FORMULA

Summary:

- ❑ A.R.S. 15-701.02 establishes alternative H.S. graduation requirements related to AIMS
 - ❑ Students that fail to pass one or more sections of the assessment may augment their scores with additional points derived from classroom grades of "C" or better.
 - ❑ Board is required to adopt rules for implementation of this alternative requirement by September 1st.
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Rules Development:

- Board study session on June 16th to establish rules framework.
 - Advisory Committee formed to develop rules. Membership included teachers, administrators, local governing board members and assessment directors.
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Eligibility Requirements:

- Student must have passed all required coursework.
 - Student must have taken AIMS at every administration when he/she was eligible to take the test.
 - Student must have participated in any remediation program in the areas where the student failed to pass the assessment.
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Eligibility Requirements:

- Committee determined eligibility requirements should be appealable.
 - Extreme circumstances could render a student “ineligible” for an AIMS administration.
 - Student may have proof of participation in a school or state remediation program.

 - Appeals conducted by local governing board or its designee.
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Process:

- ❑ District or charter school shall calculate the augmented score(s) of each eligible pupil that fails to achieve a passing score on any section of AIMS.
 - ❑ 11 ½ credits specifically required for graduation purposes eligible for additional credit.
 - ❑ A's receive more credit than B's; B's receive more credit than C's. No credit is awarded for D's or F's.
 - ❑ Courses with higher academic content shall receive more additional credit.
 - ❑ If a student's augmented score exceeds the "meets the standard" threshold he/she has met the alternative graduation requirement.
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Formula:

- ❑ Committee very aware of the need to keep the formula as simple as possible.
- ❑ Point system:

Grade	Standard	Advanced
A	20	25
B	15	20
C	12	15
D,F	0	0

Formula:

- ❑ Points represent a potential percentage augmentation on each section of the test not passed.
 - ❑ Points represent the amount of additional points awarded per credit.
 - ❑ Sum of additional points earned will be divided by $11 \frac{1}{2}$ to obtain average.
 - ❑ Scale scores will be augmented by the resulting percentage.
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Sample Calculation:

- Student's scale score on Math section of AIMS is 625 (passing score is 683).
- Student's Grades (not honors or AP classes):

A – ½ Credit X 20 = 10 pts

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B – ½ Credit X 15 = 7.5 pts

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C – ½ Credit X 12 = 6 pts

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C – ¼ Credit = 3 pts

D – ¼ Credit = 0 pts

- Total Points Earned = 177

Sample Calculation:

□ Average points per credit:

■ $177 / 11.5 = \mathbf{15.39}$

□ Formula:

Avg. Pts. Per Credit

$$\frac{\text{Avg. Pts. Per Credit}}{100} \times (\text{Student's Original Scale Score}) = \text{Augmentation Points}$$

Sample Calculation:

□ 15.39
——— X (625) = 96.1875 augmentation points
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□ Add augmentation points to original score:

■ $625 + 96 = 721$

□ *The passing score on the Math section of AIMS is 683; therefore, the student meets the alternative graduation requirement.*
